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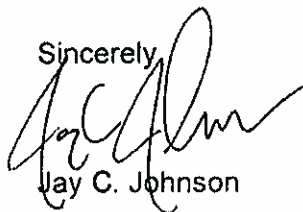
Re: Finance Docket No. 35095, Alaska Railroad Corporation – Construction and
Operation Exemption – Rail Line Extension to Port MacKenzie, Alaska

Dear Ms. Rutson:

In a letter dated December 1, 2011, the Alaska Railroad Corporation ("ARRC") requested that OEA approve the use of a third-party consultant in the above-captioned matter to assist in monitoring and enforcement of mitigation measures and in meeting the requirements of the Programmatic Agreement. ARRC understands that OEA would like to continue using ICF International as its third-party consultant for these issues. By this letter, ARRC states that it has no objection to ICF continuing as the third-party consultant in this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jay C. Johnson